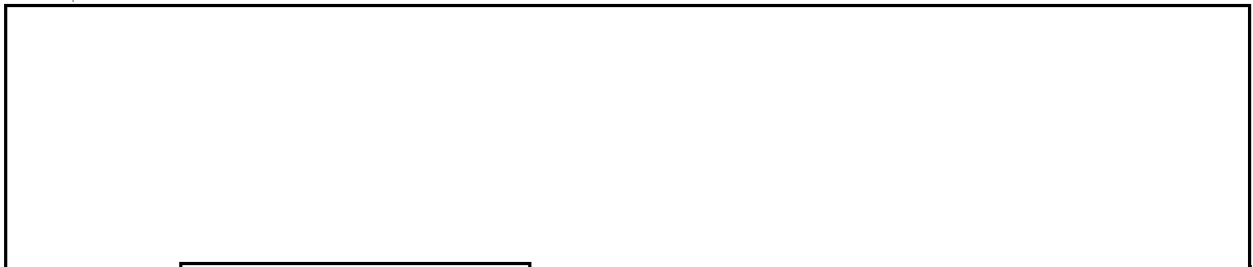


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[redacted] Mr. William Woodruff, Assistant Chief Clerk, Senate Appropriations Committee, called to say that he had just returned from leave and would like to see me tomorrow morning. He said he had briefed Senator Richard Russell (D., Ga.) on the initial information on the [redacted] case which I had provided Woodruff on 12 August, but in view of recent press stories Woodruff wanted to be sure that this information was still valid and up-to-date. I told Woodruff of the Director's desire for a chance to appear before our Subcommittee and clarify our position regarding the [redacted] case as soon as possible after Congress returns from recess. Woodruff reminded me that Senator Russell had expressed misgivings about future Subcommittee meetings in view of a serious leak a few months ago and suggested that the Director himself should call Senator Russell. I told Woodruff we had some significant intelligence items to report also. Woodruff said that Russell was expected back in town at the first of the week and he would raise the matter with him, but still thought a personal call from the Director was very much in order.

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25X1 6. [] Briefed J. Russell Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee; Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee; William Woodruff, Assistant Chief Clerk, Senate Appropriations Committee; and Robert Michaels, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, on what we know about the [] case, emphasizing that despite press speculation our hands are entirely clean. Also attempted to reach Edward Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services Committee, but he was unavailable throughout the day. Mr. Blandford remarked that Chairman Rivers was interested in the case on the basis of press stories and had been unable to find out anything from the Pentagon. Blandford said it always "infuriates" Rivers when he can get more information from the press than from the Pentagon.

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25X1 7. [] Briefed Messrs. Blandford, Slatinshek, Woodruff and Michaels on:

- a. continued standdown of Soviet air force
- b. new Soviet air bases in the Far East
- 25X1 c. [] PL-1 test
- 25X1 d. group of Soviet naval vessels entering Mediterranean

25X1 8. [] Bill Woodruff said that Senator Russell had seen our letter on withdrawal from the reserves to finance our radio operations and completely approved our solution, remarking that it would not have been feasible to try to deal with the problem under the continuing resolution.

25X1 9. [] Met with George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, at his request. Murphy said he had obtained some "very sensitive" information about a recent NATO security case and asked me to obtain details, particularly regarding the possibility of compromise of U.S. atomic information. See Memo for Record.

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